

Appln No. 10/799,143
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On June 14, 2011, a personal interview was conducted with Examiner Mary Hoffman. During the interview, dependent claims 33 and 34 were discussed as well as U.S. Patents 5,217,497 (Mehdian) and 6,224,596 (Jackson). The Examiner agreed that claims 33 and 34 overcome the current rejection. Applicant's representative agreed to amend the claims to put the subject matter of claim 33 into independent claim 1. The Examiner and Applicant also discussed other potential claim language to overcome the current rejection, such as amending the claims to have a monolithic securing element with fewer than four turns that contacts the internal thread of the receiving part and rod simultaneously.

The undersigned thanks Examiner Hoffman for the time and attention devoted to the interview.